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1. SUMMARY: UNICEF CAIRO HAS NOW PROVIDED ADDITIONAL DATA
INCLUDING STATUS REPORTS ON ITS MCH PROGRAM SUDAN. AID AFFAIRS
OFFICER (AAO) PLANNING CLOSE LOOK AT PROGRAM IN NEAR FUTURE.
EMBASSY APPRECIATES INTERAGENCY SUB-COMMITTEE SUPPORT IN
INTERIM.

END SUMMARY.

2. SUBMISSION ADDITIONAL DATA: EMBASSY APPRECIATES INTERAGENCY
SUB-COMMITTEE SUPPORT (REF A) FOR UNICEF MCH PROGRAM SUDAN
PENDING RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED REF D. UNICEF
HAS NOW PROVIDED RECIPIENT AND COMMODITY STATUS REPORTS AND
SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPLEMENT THAT CONTAINED REFS B
AND C WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL AID COMITE IN ITS REVIEW. STATUS
REPORTS, AS WELL AS PARTIAL LIST OF HEALTH CENTERS BY LOCATION,
WILL BE POUCHED JULY 14 ATTENTION R. SMITH, STATE AF/N.

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(HEALTH CENTER LIST CONTAINS ONLY 112 LOCATIONS IN CONTRAST

FIGURE OF 138 CONTAINED IN UNICEF PROGRAM SUBMISSION SUBMITTED
REF E. WITH COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM WITH UNICEF CAIRO NOTED
PREVIOUSLY WE UNABLE PROVIDE DETAILED EXPLANATION THIS DIS-
CREPANCY, BUT EXPECT LIST BEING POUCHED WAS LATEST AVAILABLE
AND SUBMITTED IN BELIEF IT AT LEAST PARTIALLY
RESPONSIVE TO SUB-COMITE REQUEST.)

3. UNICEF COMMENTS RE SOME OF OTHER POINTS RAISED REF D AS
FOLLOW: (A) RE GROWTH OF GOS EFFORT, AS NOTED PROGRAM PLAN,
NUMBER OF CENTERS HAS BEEN INCREASING AND LIST BEING POUCHED DOES
INDICATE NUMBER NEW CENTERS ESTABLISHED 1972. (B) RE IMPACT OF
FOOD, UNICEF NOTES THAT WITHOUT FACTUAL SURVEY THIS IMPOSSIBLE
DETERMINE. MIN HEALTH NUTRITION DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING
STUDY. MCH PROGRAM IS, HOWEVER, VIRTUALLY ONLY ONE REACHING
PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN. IT ADMITTEDLY NOT NEARLY ENOUGH, BUT IT IS
START. (C) OTHER SERVICES OFFERED BY HEALTH CENTERS INCLUDE
IMMUNIZATIONS, ANTENATAL AND POST NATAL CARE, NUTRITION AND
HYGIENE EDUCATION AND LIMITED FAMILY PLANNING. (D) UNICEF
CONFIRMS THAT MIN HEALTH TRIALS ESTABLISHED CSM ACCEPTABILITY.
(E) AS FOR IMPACT OF WITHDRAWAL OF PROGRAM, UNICEF NOTES
MALNUTRITION AMONG SUDANESE PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN ONE OF MAIN
CAUSES OF MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY. MCH PROGRAM ONLY MAKING SLIGHT
DENT IN PROBLEM AND UNICEF, WHICH HOPES ESTABLISH FULL OFFICE
IN KHARTOUM WITHIN YEAR, HAS A PRIME TARGET DEVELOPMENT OF
OTHER PROGRAMS AIMED AT FILLING THIS VACUUM. MCH WHETHER UNDER
UNICEF OR PERHAPS USVOLAG AUSPICES WOULD REMAIN VITAL PART OF
SUCH EFFORT. IN OTHER WORDS, PROGRAM NEEDS BE EXPANDED, NOT
CUT BACK.

4. FURTHER INVESTIGATION: AAO IS AWARE OF EMBASSY'S LACK OF
BACKGROUND ON THIS PROGRAM AND PLANS MAKE EFFORT OBTAIN ADDITIONAL
DATE INCLUDING FIRST HAND EVALUATION IN NEAR FUTURE. SANDERSON

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